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SUBJECT: ROMANIAN REACTION TO CHINESE PARTY CONGRESS

1. CONGRATULATORY TELEGRAM FROM CEAUSESCU IN HIS CAPACITY AS PARTY CHIEF TO MAO ON LATTER'S RE-ELECTION AS CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN IS TOPMOST FRONTPAGE ITEM IN SCINTEIA SEPT. 2. MESSAGE NOTES "GREAT APPRECIATION" AND "SENTIMENTS OF INTERNATIONALIST SOLIDARITY" WITH WHICH ROMANIAN PEOPLE FOLLOW "GREAT ACHIEVEMENTS" AND "IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION" OF "FRATERNAL CHINESE PEOPLE," AND "FULL CONFIDENCE IN SUCCESSFUL FULFILLMENT OF DECISIONS AND MEASURES" OF CHINESE PARTY CONGRESS. CEAUSESCU'S 1971 VISIT TO CHINA IS RECALLED AS "MOMENT OF GREAT IMPORTANCE"

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FOR "INTENSIFYING RELATIONS OF CLOSE FRIENDSHIP, SOLIDARITY

AND COLLABORATION" BETWEEN BOTH "PARTIES AND COUNTRIES." CONVICTION IS EXPRESSED THAT "GOOD STEADFAST RELATIONS" BETWEEN THE TWO PARTIES AND STATES WILL DEVELOP FURTHER, WHILE TERM "DEAR COMRADE MAO" LENDS PERSONAL TOUCH.

2. FAIRLY FULL SEPTEMBER 3 SCINTEIA SUMMARY OF NEW CHINA NEWS AGENCY ACCOUNT OF CHOU EN-LAI'S CONGRESS KEYNOTE REPORT LEAVES OUT ALL OF CHOU'S ANTI-SOVIET REMARKS EXCEPT ASSERTION THAT "POLICY OF ISOLATING CHINA HAS FAILED." ACCORDING TO ROMANIAN JOURNALIST SOURCE, THIS SUMMARY'S WORDING WAS WORKED OUT CAREFULLY TO STRIKE BALANCE BETWEEN DESIRED FRIENDLY POSTURE TOWARD CHINESE AND "OBJECTIVE SITUATION IN WHICH ROMANIA FINDS ITSELF" (NAMELY, CONCERN ABOUT SOVIETS).

3. CEAUSESCU'S INTERVIEW WITH ARGENTINE JOURNALIST (SCINTEIA SEPT. 3) AGAIN AFFIRMS STANDARD ROMANIAN LINE THAT BASIS FOR HEALING DIFFERENCES BETWEEN SOCIALIST STATES IS "EQUALITY," "MUTUAL RESPECT," AND "NON-INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS."

4. MEANWHILE, RELATIVELY LOW-RANKING CHINESE MILITARY DELEGATION, HEADED BY CHAN TZEN, DEPUTY COMMANDANT OF UHAN MILITARY ZONE, WAS MET SEPT. 1 BY NOTABLY HEAVYWEIGHT ROMANIAN CONTINGENT, LED BY PERMANENT PRESIDUM MEMBER BODNARAS, DEFENSE MINISTER IONITA, PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE SECTION HEAD FOR MILITARY AFFAIRS COMA, AND EMONSTRATIVE ARRAY OF TOP BRASS.

5. COMMENT: CEAUSESCU'S IMPLICIT VOTE OF CONFIDENCE IN PEKING'S "SOCIALIST" CREDENTIALS CAPS ROMANIA'S REFUSAL TO JOIN CURRENT ANTI-CHINESE BARRAGE INSPIRED BY MOSCOW AND, TOGETHER WITH OTHER STEPS ABOVE, PUBLICLY REAFFIRMS ROMANIAN DETERMINATION TO MAINTAIN INDEPENDENT LINE TOWARDS CHINA DESPITE APPARENT RISE IN SOVIET PRESSURE TO THIS END DURING AND AFTER CRIMEAN COMMUNIST SUMMIT. CEAUSESCU'S DELIBERATE EMPHASIS ON INCREASED INTER-PARTY "SOLIDARITY" AND WARM TONE TOWARD MAO NO DOUBT ARE PARTICULARLY VEXING TO KREMLIN. MARTENS

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